

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Previously presented) Process for preparing a trademark registration application to be filed at a national administrative department responsible for examining the application and registering the trademark, by means of a local computer capable of being connected to a remote computer via a computer network of the Internet type, characterised in that the process includes the following steps, performed on the local computer:

(i) entering the trademark to be filed at the national administrative department in a trademark registration application displayed on the local computer,

(ii) selecting from the displayed trademark registration application at least one displayed heading of at least one official class of products or services to which the trademark applies and displaying a corresponding number of the selected at least one official class in the trademark registration application,

(iii) validating the entry and the selection,

(iv) sending the validated entry and selection to the remote computer via the computer network, the remote computer being disposed on a premises of an intellectual property attorney for reviewing the trademark registration application,

(v) retransmitting the validated entry and selection from the premises of the intellectual property attorney to another remote computer to enable the application to be prosecuted at the national administrative department, said steps being carried out in the order indicated.

2. (Original) Process according to claim 1, characterised in that at least one step is implemented through cooperation between the local computer and the remote computer.

3. (Previously presented) Process according to claim 1, characterised in that the validated entry and selection are re-transmitted from the remote computer to another remote computer, by electronic mail.

4. (Previously presented) Process according to claim 1, characterised in that the entering step includes scanning a model of the trademark.

5. (Original) Process according to claim 4, characterised in that the sending step includes transmission to the remote computer of the scanned model of the trademark, via the computer network.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Previously presented) Process according to claim 1, characterised in that the selecting step includes:

(i) entering at least one freely chosen wording in the displayed trademark registration application,

(ii) comparing said freely chosen wording with the potential wordings contained in a file,

(iii) displaying in the trademark registration application, following said comparing step, wordings proposed from among the potential wordings,

(iv) selecting at least one wording from among the displayed wordings proposed,

(v) displaying the number of the official class corresponding to the wordings selected in the trademark registration application.

9. (Original) Process according to claim 8, characterised in that the file contains the wordings of the official classification of trademarks and the number of the class corresponding to each wording.

10. (Original) Process according to claim 9, characterised in that the file further includes additional wordings not featuring in the official classification of trademarks and the number of the class corresponding to each of these additional wordings.

11. (Previously presented) Process according to claim 8, characterised in that the selecting step includes the use of a comparison software package, the comparison software permitting a display of a proposed wording identical with the freely chosen wording.

12. (Original) Process according to claim 11, characterised in that the comparison software permits the display of a proposed wording including the freely chosen wording.

13. (Original) Process according to claim 12, characterised in that the comparison software permits the display of a proposed wording synonymous with the freely chosen wording.

14. (Previously presented) Process for preparing a trademark registration application to be filed at a national administrative department responsible for examining the application and for registering the trademark, by means of a local computer capable of being connected to a remote computer via a computer network of the Internet type, characterised in that the process includes the following steps, performed on the local computer:

(i) entering the trademark to be filed at the national administrative department in a trademark registration application displayed on the local computer,

(ii) entering in the application at least one freely chosen wording for describing the products or services to which the trademark applies,

(iii) comparing said freely chosen wording with potential wordings contained in a file of at least one official class of products and services,

(iv) displaying in the application proposed wordings from among the potential wordings,

(v) selecting from the displayed application at least one wording from among the displayed proposed wordings and entering the selected wordings in the trademark registration application,

(vi) displaying in the trademark registration application a number of the official

class corresponding to the wordings selected,

(vii) validating the entry and the selection,

(viii) sending the validated entry and selection to the remote computer via the computer network, the remote computer being disposed on a premises of an intellectual property attorney for reviewing the trademark registration application,

(ix) retransmitting the validated entry and selection from the premises of the intellectual property attorney to another remote computer to enable the application to be prosecuted at the national administrative department, said steps being carried out in the order indicated.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Previously presented) Process according to claim 1, characterized in that the sending step includes transmission to the remote computer of an identity of the trademark applicant to complete the registration application file and the retransmitting step includes transmission of the identity of the trademark applicant from the premises of the intellectual property attorney to the another remote computer.

18. (Previously presented) Process according to claim 14, characterized in that the sending step includes transmission to the remote computer of an identity of the trademark applicant to complete the registration application file and the retransmitting step includes transmission of the identity of the trademark applicant from the premises

of the intellectual property attorney to the another remote computer.

19. (Previously presented) Process for preparing a trademark registration application to be filed at a national administrative department responsible for examining the application and registering the trademark, by means of a local computer capable of being connected to a remote computer via a computer network of the Internet type, characterised in that the process includes the following steps, performed on the local computer:

- (i) entering the trademark to be filed at the national administrative department in a trademark registration application displayed on the local computer,

- (ii) selecting from the displayed trademark registration application at least one displayed number of at least one official class of products or services to which the trademark applies and displaying a corresponding heading of the selected at least one official class in the trademark registration application,

- (iii) validating the entry and the selection,

- (iv) sending the validated entry and selection to the remote computer via the computer network, the remote computer being disposed on a premises of an intellectual property attorney for reviewing the trademark registration application,

- (v) retransmitting the validated entry and selection from the premises of the intellectual property attorney to another remote computer to enable the application to be prosecuted at the national administrative department, said steps being carried out in the order indicated.